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## **EPA Deputy Director Appointed to Senior Executive Service**

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Research Triangle Park, NC.....Ann Akland, Deputy Director for Management at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's National Health and Environmental Effects Laboratory in Research Triangle Park, NC, has been appointed to the Senior Executive Service, a separate personnel system in the executive branch of the federal government that recognizes leadership.

Akland has nearly 30 years of experience in the EPA and predecessor organizations, serving in a variety of administrative, supervisory and managerial positions. As deputy director of the largest of three national laboratories in the EPA, she has implemented many innovative and effective management approaches to support the laboratory's mission to provide sound science for regulatory decision making.

The Senior Executive Service is comprised of men and women in the federal government who have been recognized for their leadership abilities. Of the some 2.7 million federal civilian workforce, only 7,000 government employees are in the Senior Executive Service.

Akland's accomplishments include providing critical support in the reorganization of EPA's Office of Research and Development in 1995; demonstrating effective leadership in labor relations and contract management; and providing innovative direction in the business management of the laboratory.

A graduate of Barton College in Wilson, NC, Akland obtained a business degree while working full time at the EPA. Akland, a life-long resident of Wake County, lives in Knightdale.

The laboratory, headquartered in Research Triangle Park, has an annual budget that exceeds \$100 million and a workforce of 700 federal employees and 500 nonfederal workers nationwide.

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